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## SAYS JITNEY DRIVERS FAVOR WHISKEY TRAFFIC

### Revenue Officers Say They Have Hard Time Hiring Jitneys to Raid Stills in This Vicinity

That Elizabeth City jitney drivers, most of them, are in league with illicit distillers and block-aders was the charge made here yesterday by U. S. Deputy Collector C. H. Jenkins who with five other revenue officers were here to raid stills in Camden county. The charge made by the Revenue Officer was inspired by the fact that only one jitney driver in town would let them have the use of a car for raiding purposes. They finally got a second car and got away from here yesterday morning, going into Camden county.

Mr. Jenkins intimated that this may be the last time the Federal authorities will send men into this city and vicinity to help put down the whiskey traffic. He says the local authorities will have to look after it. He says the Federal authorities are losing interest in the situation here because they have little local support, the sympathy of the public seeming to be with the block-aders.

Speaking in the presence of a number of men yesterday morning Mr. Jenkins made the statement that Elizabeth City is the worst town in North Carolina with respect to the liquor traffic. He said his information led him to believe that there are not less than twenty-five bar rooms in Elizabeth City and that prominent men in the community are financing and profiting by the traffic in liquor, monkey rum and other distillations.

The Revenue Officer explained that the territory around Elizabeth City offers special possibilities for the concealment of the operations of the distillers. Stills are erected in the midst of almost impenetrable swamps, and in out of the way places on the meandering watercourses that penetrate uninhabited morasses and forests. It is hard to get into some of these places and the moonshiners have so many look-outs and spies in every locality that the approach of revenue officers is usually anticipated. It would take a dozen men five or six weeks to make an appreciable inroads on the liquor traffic in this vicinity, says Jenkins.

There is no evidence of whiskey being made in Elizabeth City, but whiskey is brought into the city from these nearby places in automobiles, sailing vessels and gas boats.

Some of the men engaged in the traffic are particularly bold. Prominent business men in the city have been approached and asked to handle whiskey in large quantities being assured them. This newspaper has information of one such attempt to establish a prominent business connection. L. B. Perry, the Faigle dealer in this city has been repeatedly solicited by these wholesalers because his garage is considered an ideal place for handling the stuff.

The police force of Elizabeth City is entirely too inadequate for the situation and is hopelessly outclassed by the traffickers.

## INDEPENDENT GETS TWO AIRMEN IN BAD

### Four Inch Write Up Causes Them Trouble From the Souppernong to the Potomac

The two aviators who are doing Government map work in the vicinity of Columbia, Tyrell county, and who came to this city for supplies last week were back again Wednesday with a tale of woe that is tragically heartrending. While here last week, they were interviewed by an INDEPENDENT reporter, and in the course of the interview one of the birdmen dropped a remark to the effect that he had just had a meal at an Elizabeth City restaurant which was his first square meal since leaving Washington, D. C.

The remark was duly published, and after the two aviators went back to Columbia, they found themselves in bad with the hotel people there. Not a boarding house keeper would take them, and it is said that they were finally forced to get down on their knees before the housewives of the Tyrell city, and beseechingly beg for a hand-out. (Don't believe all of this.)

Incidentally, the reporter was told that they had made the trip from Columbia to Elizabeth City in 20 minutes. The distance by boat is something like 50 miles, and without making allowance for the difference in an air-line, readers of THE INDEPENDENT were told that the airplane had made the 50 miles in 20 minutes, or at the astonishing rate of 150 miles an hour! The actual distance by air is something around 30 or 35 miles. As the climax of their misfortunes it is reported that the two aviators received a curt missive from the Government asking what in thunder they meant by driving an airplane built for 100 miles an hour at the terrific speed of 150 miles per hour? And it was all on account of a little four-inch write-up in THE INDEPENDENT.

## EDUCATIONAL SURVEY COMING

### Government Experts To Determine City's Actual Educational Needs

U. S. Commissioner of Education P. P. Claxton himself will arrive in Elizabeth City tomorrow, Saturday, July 24 to inaugurate the preliminary work of the proposed \$1,500 survey of Elizabeth City's public schools and the city educational requirements. Mr. Claxton will be accompanied by a Miss Fernandez, one of the experts of his department. First word of Commissioner Claxton's coming was received here yesterday afternoon; it was not expected that the city would be so fortunate as to secure the offices of Commissioner Claxton himself in making the proposed survey.

A Government educational survey is assured for Elizabeth City, by which the educational needs of this city will be accurately determined by trained experts sent out by the United States Department of Education. The cost of the survey will not exceed \$1,500, and private donations already secured are sufficient to guarantee that the expense of the undertaking need not prevent its being carried out.

It will take weeks, possibly months, to complete this survey, which will be an exhaustive inquiry into the educational, economic and industrial needs of Elizabeth City. In view of the fact that this city is preparing to spend something like \$200,000 to bring its school system up to the standard of other progressive communities throughout the United States, such a survey is a virtual necessity in order that local needs may be accurately determined, and the money spent to the best possible advantage.

Fifteen hundred dollars represents only the bare expense of the survey, not counting in the salaries of the various Government educational experts who will be sent here from time to time while the work is going on. This money has already been largely raised by popular subscription, a fact which speaks well of the generosity and public spirit of those citizens who are making possible by their donations an accurate measurement of the educational needs of this city and section.

The rural school system of Pasquotank county will also come under the observation of the Government experts who are sent here, and it too will be included in their searching analysis of local educational conditions, with a view to the correction of existing defects and inadequacies.

## MISS SMITH TO SPEAK TO THE COLORED PEOPLE

### Charming Evangelist Will Return to Elizabeth City to Give Negroes a Sermon

Miss Annie Agnes Smith, evangelist who is conducting a revival meeting at Pearl St. M. E. Church will pay another visit to Elizabeth City soon. She has promised to speak for the colored people at Mt. Lebanon M. E. Church some Sunday in the near future. Miss Smith's home is in Norfolk, Va. and she can make the trip without much inconvenience.

Miss Smith got into that Mt. Lebanon engagement thru a visit to the colored State Normal School Wednesday morning. They are holding a summer school out there, with nearly 300 teachers in attendance. Miss Smith went out during the chapel hour to hear those colored folk sing. She was thoroughly carried away with the singing and in telling the colored people that she won her way into their hearts and they begged her to come back some time and talk to them. She says she will.

Miss Smith is drawing large crowds nightly at the little church in Pearl St. She will conclude her meeting Sunday night. She is being assisted this week by Miss Mayme Warrington, a talented contralto singer, of New Bern.

## CAMDEN COUNTY SHOWS LOSS IN POPULATION

### New Census Gives Camden Lesser Population Than Given in 1900

The population of Camden county is today less than it was in 1900, the population of that county showed a gain in 1910 over 1900. The figures are given in the preliminary announcement of the Fourteenth census and are subject to correction.

	1920	1910	1900
CAMDEN COUNTY	5,382	5,640	5,474
Court House township	1,548	1,622	1,453
Stitch township	1,970	2,036	1,961
South Mills township	1,864	1,982	2,060
South Mills town	373	390	

## Leaves Rail Road For The Auto



CHARLES W. GAITHER

ELIZABETH CITY gales and Hertford loses a valuable citizen in C. W. Gaither who has come from Hertford to Elizabeth City to take the office of secretary-treasurer of the Auto & Gas Engine Works, Inc., of which he is a stockholder. Mr. Gaither is 42 years old and this is the second job he has held in his life. He went to work for the Norfolk Southern R. R. at Hertford when he was 12 years old and when he was 21 years old he was holding down the agency for the company and doing the telegraph trick at that point. He had become so identified with the Norfolk Southern that he might have remained a fixture if his brother W. G. Gaither, cashier of the First & Citizens National Bank of this city, hadn't convinced him that Elizabeth City is a better field for pep and perseverance of the Gaither variety. Mr. Gaither entered upon his new duties last week and will remove his family to Elizabeth City as soon as he can find a home for them. The Auto & Gas Engine Works was recently incorporated and its officers under the incorporation are W. P. Skinner, president; T. J. Jones, vice president; C. W. Gaither, secretary-treasurer.

## BUTTS WHISKEY GETS ONE MAN KILLED

### John E. Woolford Shot to Death By Man He Accused of Making Whiskey

Charles Powell, Jr., 19 years old, shot and killed John E. Woolford in front of the latter's home near Butts station Tuesday night. Witnesses say that Charles Powell, Sr. and his son drove up to Woolford's house and demanded to see "the whole Woolford family." Mr. Woolford came out to see them. They told Woolford that they had heard that he had accused them of making whiskey. Hot words followed and the younger Powell pulled a gun and fired a bullet into the abdomen of the man with whom he had come to a quarrel.

It is said that the Powells will put up a plea of self defense. Much whiskey is being made in the vicinity of Butts station. It is said that much of this whiskey is marketed in Elizabeth City. Revenue officers have raided several stills in the vicinity of Butts, but illicit distillers don't mind a little thing like that; they get another wash boiler and a coil of pipe and keep the fires going just the same.

## BACK TO BETSY AFTER FORTY YEARS ABSENCE

### Recognizes Only Two Old Faces And The Plastering in The Southern Hotel

Tom Garner, who ran a newspaper in Elizabeth City forty years ago was in Elizabeth City this week for the first time in 39 years. He came to renew acquaintances in the old town and found only two of them living, J. T. McCabe and M. B. Culpepper. He tried his best to find something that looked like Elizabeth City 40 years ago, but the only thing that looked like old times was the Southern Hotel. Even the plastering and the plumbing in that hostelry seemed familiar to him.

Mr. Garner went from Elizabeth City to West Virginia in the mining section of that state established a successful paper. He was getting along fine with it until strikes became the order of the day out there. He says that recently it has been worth an editor's life to write about the strikes and there has been little else of local interest to write. He sold his paper a few weeks ago for \$40,000 and will take the rest of his life easy. He is now 60 years old.

## BURGLARS ATTEMPT TO CRACK SAFE HERE

Safeblowers who are believed to be members of a gang who have recently entered a number of country stores and post offices in Northeastern North Carolina and Tidewater Virginia, entered the office of the Farmers Ginning and Produce Co. at the end of Main street last Sunday night drilled one hole thru the door of the safe, and started two others, when, evidently frightened away, they left the job unfinished. The local police found no clue as to their identity when they visited the scene of the attempted robbery the next morning.

## TO MAKE ACCURATE MAP OF ALLIGATOR RIVER

### This Crookedest of Crooked Rivers Had To Wait For The Airplane to Get Mapped

Your Uncle Sam will soon have an accurate map of the Alligator River, that vast, mysterious body of water which separates the mainland of Dare county from the county of Tyrell and has its source somewhere within the wilds of Hyde.

It may surprise the average reader to know that the U. S. Geologic and Geologic Survey has never been able to obtain an accurate map of the Alligator River, and yet the Alligator River is one of the widest rivers in North Carolina and is to be an important link in the government's great intra-coastal waterway. Alligator river, after running straight as string for miles, begins to twist and turn and bend, come back on itself, and wrap around itself until it is the despair of surveyors and engineers. Boatmen say of it that there are several places on a boat never knows whether he is coming or going and often meets himself coming back.

But Uncle Sam is going to get a map of that river. He has two bright young men in an airplane who are photographing the blundering a piece at a time from one end to the other. By patching these photographs together Uncle Sam is going to get a line on that Alligator River and find out just where it begins and how it finds its way to the Albemarle Sound. When you see a hydroplane with the designation "A 313" on its tail, you'll know what that hydroplane is doing in these parts; it is for photographing the kinks in the Alligator.

## WINDER SELLS LITTLE FARM TO M. H. HUBBARD OF CAMDEN

Mr. L. L. Winder has just sold the G. R. Little farm at Hickory, Va., to Mr. M. H. Hubbard, of Old Trop, for a consideration of \$20,000. Mr. Hubbard will show the Virginians how to grow potatoes.—advertisement.

## Hathaway Says

If you wear glasses, have your eyes and glasses both examined from time to time, and go to the place where you can afford to pay a reasonable price for real professional work. Remember your eyes are your bread-winners. Take care of them.

You have your teeth examined twice a year. Why not your eyes? They are more important.

Dr. J. D. Hathaway  
Optometrist  
Phone 999 Bradford Bldg.

## WHAT BECOMES OF THE MONEY?

### Here's An Answer That Should Please City Tax Payers

What has been done with the money collected from property owners of Elizabeth City whose holdings abut on the streets paved under the \$120,000 bond issue of 1911? This is the question which is asked by local taxpayers, and here is the answer. The money thus collected has been spent upon additional street paving, and by economical administration, the \$63,000 thus paid into the city coffers has paved almost as many miles of streets as the original \$100,000, since \$20,000 of the \$120,000 in bonds went into the purchase of curbing, much of which was used upon streets not paved.

To go back to the beginning, in 1911 municipal bonds in the amount of \$120,000 were issued for street paving purposes. These bonds were to run for a period of 30 years, until 1941, at which time they were to be paid for by a second bond issue, or in such other manner as the city administration at that time may elect. Under the provisions of the original issue, the property owners on each side of the streets paved were assessed an amount equal to one-fourth the cost of the paving in front of their holdings. The amounts assessed drew interest at the rate of 5 per cent annually, and were divided into five equal yearly installments, with the provision that the property holder might pay his assessment in a lump sum, and avoid the interest charges thereby. In this way \$44,678.04 was collected from those owning property along the streets first paved. With this money, additional paving was done, and the property on the newly paved streets in turn was assessed a like amount. More streets were paved, further assessments made, and so on, until altogether about \$63,000 has been collected and expended since the first bond issue. There is still the sum of \$2,800 due from property owners, which brings the total amount charged against the latter to just about \$65,800. All churches, public buildings, fraternal holdings, and city property were exempt from assessment, and nothing was collected for extra paving done at the many intersections of dirt streets, which alone will amount to around half a mile of paving.

Out of the money received from the sale of bonds, as stated, \$20,000 worth of curbing was laid down. The remaining \$100,000 was used to pave Martin street from Burgess to Church, Pennsylvania avenue from Pointdexter to the railroad, Front street from Pointdexter to Shepard, Water street, Burgess street, Road street from Hollywood Cemetery to Blackwell Memorial church, Matthews street, Shepard street, and Church street from Pointdexter to Perse, making just four and two-tenths miles in all.

With the money afterward collected from property owners under the system outlined, Pennsylvania avenue from the railroad to Knobbs creek, Riverside avenue, Fearing street, Perse street from Church to Main, McMorine street, Pool street, and Road street from Blackwell Memorial to the railroad were paved. Pearl street from Water to Martin was paved out of the first \$100,000, but not under the original contract. In all, three and eight-tenths miles of paving were done with the \$63,000, this work being carried out by J. C. Commander, who was then city manager. By actual measurement exactly eight miles of paved streets have been laid down since 1911, at an average cost of \$20,000 per mile. It must be borne in mind, however, that the streets paved have varied from 22 to 38 feet in width, while the intersections are frequently 50 feet wide, and parts of Front, Burgess and Water streets are even wider. City manager Commander figures that on the basis of an average width of 15 to 18 feet, at least 15 miles of paving have been laid in this city. Under the original contract, which was carried out by Louis Lawson of Norfolk, the work was done at a cost of \$1,422 per square yard, while, by the use of chain gang labor at \$1.25 per day per man, and by other economies, City Manager Commander was able to do for less than \$63,000 nearly as much paving as was done for \$100,000 under contract. In other words, this last paving cost just about \$1.25 per square yard. All concrete curbing laid in the past few years has also been paid for out of this \$63,000 collected from the property owners, since no additional funds have been available for this purpose. The foregoing figures seem to give indisputable evidence that the money collected from those owning property on Elizabeth City's paved streets has been wisely and economically spent.

## "DOC" SELIG'S INJURIES CAUSE MANY CONJECTURES

While hastening down the Norfolk Southern track at Shawboro from a dance which he was attending, Dr. Julian W. Selig, well known young optometrist of this city was painfully scratched and cut when he fell through a barbed wire culvert, which he failed to see in the darkness. He was on his way to the night train to see his parents, who were returning to Elizabeth City from Norfolk. Another version of Doc Selig's painful accident is that a cow chased him over the barbed wire fence, which brings up the question, Why was the cow chasing him? Still another version may be found by Revenue officers who are operating in the vicinity this week.

## NORFOLK SOUTHERN R. R. NEW SCHEDULE AUG. 1

### Corporation Commission Approves New Daily Service Between Belhaven and Norfolk

## \$180,000,000 IN 14 COUNTIES

### Startling Facts Revealed in Revaluation In This District

The amount of real and personal property in this district is more than three times greater than appeared on the tax books in 1917. P. H. Williams, District Supervisor of Revaluation authorizes the statement this week that the total for this district is approximately \$180,000,000. There are fourteen counties embraced in this district. The counties are Currituck, Camden, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Chowan, Gates, Bertie, Hertford, Washington, Beaufort, Martin, Tyrell, Dare and Hyde.

This \$180,000,000.00 uncovered by the revaluationists does not include corporate property, domestic corporations, rail roads, telephone and telegraph lines and banks, excepting real estate and fixtures owned by banks.

The revaluation of all property in these fourteen counties in 1917 was in round numbers \$63,000,000.00, and this included corporate properties, domestic corporations, rail roads, telephones, telegraph lines and banks.

If the Revaluation Act does nothing else, it will at least give some idea of what we are worth. But the most painstaking revaluation will not bring out the true extent of our wealth. For instance, Three farms in this county were appraised at \$40,000 this summer. The owner kicked like a steer. The tax appraisers thought their appraisal was high enough. These farms sold within a few weeks for \$100,000, or \$60,000 more than their appraised value.

## ELIZABETH CITY WILL PAY \$2.25 FOR GAS

Elizabeth City gas consumers will pay \$2.25 per thousand cubic feet for gas instead of \$2.00, for the next 60 days. And after that they may have to pay \$2.50. The Corporation Commission granted the local gas company and other gas companies in the state a rate of \$2.25 for 60 days, pending further investigation of the gas companies claims to a rate of \$2.50. The Commission will give its decision on \$2.50 gas in 60 days. Opposition to the increase was made by this and other towns, but the opposition cut little ice at Raleigh. The gas companies have the odds on opposition when it comes to presenting figures as to the cost of manufacturing gas today over the cost of yesterday.

## PASQUOTANK'S CENSUS REPORT MADE PUBLIC

### County Shows Gains, But Elizabeth City Is Not So Fairly Represented

The 1920 census of Elizabeth City was made public by the Census Bureau this week. The figures are available in a preliminary report and are said to be subject to correction, tho it is generally believed the figures will stand about as they are. The county has shown a decided gain in population in the last two decades, from 13,660 in 1900 to 17,670 in 1920. But Elizabeth City with all its improvements, expansion and progress is given little credit for such gains. The population of Elizabeth City was 8,412 according to the census of 1910; but the new census gives it only 8,925, a gain of only 513 in ten years. Here is the new census in detail:

	1920	1910	1900
PASQUOTANK CO.	17,670	16,693	13,660
Elizabeth City township	9,904	9,364	6,796
including Elizabeth City	1,356	1,372	1,196
Mt. Hermon township	1,931	1,933	1,495
Newland township	2,083	1,957	1,961
Nixonton township	794	761	700
Providence township	1,812	1,706	1,512
Salem township			
Elizabeth City	8,925	8,412	6,348
Elizabeth City by Wards:			
Ward 1		1,912	
Ward 2		2,944	
Ward 3		1,869	
Ward 4		2,260	
Elizabeth City town		8,925	

The Elizabeth City Buggy Co. has just received four car loads of American Wire Fence and is prepared to fill orders promptly.  
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The most radical change in schedules and the greatest improvement in rail road service for Elizabeth City since the inauguration of a thru service from Norfolk to Raleigh via this city, will be made by the Norfolk Southern Rail Road Co. on August 1. Instead of two morning trains out of Norfolk, one following the other, Elizabeth City will have one train out of Norfolk and two into Norfolk.

Instead of an extra train from Norfolk at 10 o'clock every morning, Elizabeth City will have a train leaving for Norfolk at 10:05 every morning. Instead of a local train following the express out of here for Norfolk at 3:30 every afternoon, Elizabeth City will have a train from Norfolk at 6 o'clock every afternoon.

As the schedules now are, and have been for years, one desiring to go from Elizabeth City to Norfolk had to leave here around six o'clock in the morning and get back about eleven o'clock at night. Now one may leave for Norfolk around ten o'clock and get back by six if he doesn't want to put in a longer day of it.

But the new schedules will particularly benefit Elizabeth City because it gives the people of four counties on the other side of the sound an opportunity to do business in Elizabeth City. The people of Beaufort, Washington, Hyde and Tyrell counties can leave home early in the morning, put in six hours in Elizabeth City and go back to their homes that night.

The new schedule will become effective Aug. 1st, and will provide for the following arrivals and departures:

No. 6—Leave Belhaven 7:00 A. M.; arrive Edenton 8:55; Elizabeth City 10:05 A. M.; Norfolk 12:10 P. M.  
No. 5—Leave Norfolk 4:00 P. M.; arrive Elizabeth City 6:10 P. M.; Edenton 7:25 P. M.; and Belhaven 9:10 P. M.  
Trains 1 and 2 will also operate locally between Norfolk, Va. and Edenton, N. C. The schedule for these trains will be:

No. 1—Leave Norfolk 9:25 A. M.; arrive Elizabeth City 11:20 A. M.; Edenton 12:30 P. M.  
No. 2—Leave Edenton 2:10 P. M.; arrive Elizabeth City 3:25 P. M.; arrive Norfolk 5:20 P. M.  
Ten minutes for lunch will be allowed at Edenton, under the schedule for trains 1 and 2.

No changes will be made in the arrival and departures of trains 1 and 2 respectively south of Edenton, N. C.

The above information is furnished by the operating department of the Norfolk Southern and if any changes are made, they will be of a minor character, only.

## THE REDS REPULSED BY CONTINUOUS RAINFALL

Due to the continuous rains of the past two weeks, the second series of the local Twilight Baseball League has received a strong setback, in that the teams have been able to play but one game. The three teams which form the league are the Cubs, Reds and Elks, and there is a strong spirit of rivalry between the three. The Reds were formerly known as the Y. M. C. A., a name which Pratt Fearing, their manager is said to have objected to because he couldn't cuss the players in such a Christian-sounding organization, and feel right about it. Therefore the name was changed to the Reds, and local wags have nicknamed the aggregation the "I. W. W." as a delicate suggestion of Bolshevism and other red organizations.

## NEGRO GETS 12 MONTHS FOR ASSAULTING WHITE WOMAN

Joe Ferebee, colored, was sentenced to 12 months on the county roads in Recorder's Court here Tuesday for an assault upon a white woman. According to the evidence, Ferebee, who had a grudge against the woman, entered her yard, and struck her down. The negro then ran to the kitchen of David Riddick, also colored, presumably to hide there. Riddick rushed upon Ferebee with a knife, inflicting a painful wound, for which act he was fined \$15 and costs in Monday's police court.

## PRESIDING ELDER TYRE SUFFERS PARALYTIC STROKE

Rev. A. P. Tyre, who was Presiding Elder of the Elizabeth City District M. E. Church South about 15 years ago, is the victim of a stroke of paralysis and his condition is extremely critical. His daughter Mrs. W. C. Sawyer of this city was called to his bedside this week. Rev. Mr. Tyre is now located at Greensboro.

## REVIVAL AT COINJOCK

A revival meeting will be conducted at Coinjock Christian Church, Currituck County, beginning Wednesday evening, August 4. The meeting will be conducted by the present pastor Rev. Z. N. Deshields, assisted by the former pastor Rev. C. B. Mashburn, of Ellington, S. C.